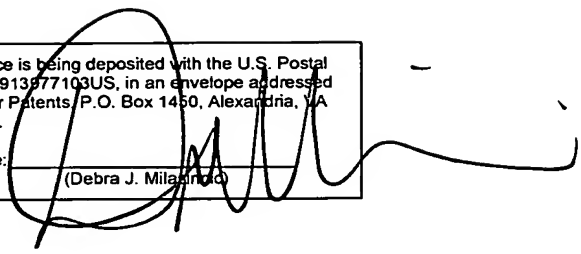




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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 17, 2005 (Paper No. 04112005). A separate petition for an appropriate extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.